

information, but not overwhelming in size.

For a complete review, see the Fall/Winter edition of *Lynch's Ferry* magazine. Lynchburg Historical Foundation members receive a subscription to *Lynch's Ferry* as part of their membership.

The Main Library owns *Thomas Jefferson: From Shadwell to Poplar Forest*. Please call the library reference desk at 455-6310, or reserve a copy online at [www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary](http://www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary).

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY TOTE BAGS AND NOTE CARDS AVAILABLE

New Friends of the Library tote bags are available at the circulation desk at the Main Library and at the Branch Library. The new red bags with a zipper top cost \$5.00 each. Small neon green backpacks suitable for children are on sale for \$3.00 each. Both the tote bag and the backpack are decorated with the Friends logo and the saying "Your future is an open book."



Note cards designed by young Library patrons come packaged four to a package along with a pad of notepaper. The cost for the note cards and notepad is \$5.00.

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**Reads** selection *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card.

**April** – The Birthday Month!

- Dr. Bouthaina Cheriet, Quillian Scholar at Randolph-Macon Woman's College will speak on Religious Fundamentalism on Monday, April 3.
- The week of April 16 will feature many fun events.
- Orson Scott Card, author of *Ender's Game*, will speak at R-MWC on April 18 at 7:30 PM as part of **Lynchburg Reads**

**September** – Jim Presgraves will speak on antique and rare books and offer book evaluations on Tuesday, September 6.

# LYNCHBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY



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*Founding Early Friends*  
L-R: Pauline Weeden Maloney, Sam Cardwell, Dr. Carroll (Cullie) Lippard, Burt Linker, Pat Doyle.

## LIBRARY CELEBRATES 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

This year marks an exciting time for the Lynchburg Public Library. Throughout 2006, we will celebrate the Library's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a variety of programs designed to appeal to a

wide range of interests and age levels. It is hard to believe that only forty years ago a group of foresighted civic and business leaders began what is now the Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library to bring about this important service. The Friends have worked hard over the years and are proud of the Library's vital place in our community. Please see the box below for 2006 program highlights.

To recognize the Library's significance and to prepare for the future, the Friends have launched a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign to raise \$140,000 for endowment and other important aspects to enhance the ongoing operations of the Library. We are happy to report that more than \$85,000 has already been committed for the Anniversary Campaign. We hope you will join others with your support for this Campaign.

Sincerely,  
Ellen Nygaard  
*Friends President*

## 2006 Programs

**January/February** – Opening of the new exhibit in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center

In honor of Black History Month, the Adult Book Discussion Group will hold its February meeting at 1:00 PM on February 15, 2006 to discuss *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston.

**March** – To coincide with **Lynchburg Reads**, the Adult Book Discussion Group will discuss the **Lynchburg**



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455-6330

**LIBRARY HOURS**  
**Main**

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.  
9:30 AM-5:30 PM

Tues., Thurs.  
9:30 AM-9:00 PM

**Downtown Branch**  
Mon. – Fri.  
9:30 AM-5:30 PM

**DOWNTOWN BRANCH  
AND LAW LIBRARY**  
900 Church Street  
Lynchburg, VA 24504  
455-3820

**CLOSED**

Monday, January 16  
Martin Luther King Day  
Monday, February 20  
Presidents' Day

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KATRINA, UNITED WAY & SENIORS AIDED

During the past several months, Library patrons and staff have reached out to those in need. In October, \$206.45 was donated for the Hurricane Katrina Red Cross Relief Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, the Library staff sponsored a bake sale for the United Way Campaign. We raised \$164.55 putting the Library/Museum above our total goal of \$3,250.00. This event was such a success we may do it again next year.

In December, the Library hosted a Senior Citizens Angel Tree sponsored by Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group, in cooperation with the Central Virginia Agency on Aging. Over 30 Holiday Stockings were returned with gifts for the elderly ranging from shampoo and other personal items to stationery, stamps, and gift cards.



JANUARY-JUNE ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP TITLES

Meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM in the Library's community room, except where noted. New members are always welcome. For more information, call Candice Michalik at 455-6310.

January 18 – *Follow the River* by James Alexander Thom  
February 15 – *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston – this month's meeting will take place at the **Legacy Museum**, 403 Monroe Street  
March 15 – *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card – one of the

**Lynchburg Reads** activities  
April 19 – We will celebrate National Poetry Month by sharing our favorite poems with the group  
May 17 – *The Enchanted April* by Elizabeth von Arnim  
June 21 – *The Bookseller of Kabul* by Asne Seierstad



FACTS AND FIGURES FOR FY 2005

(July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005)

- 28,177 registered borrowers
- 132,831 books and 313 periodical subscriptions owned
- Total circulation 456,345
- 310,000 Library visits
- 45,320 reference transactions
- 15,712 people attended 540 Library programs
- 13, 952 people attended 316 children's programs
- 207 computer classes attended by 796 students
- The Library sent 723 items to other libraries and borrowed 641 items from other libraries
- 15,080 visits to the Library's web page ([www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary](http://www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary))
- 35,260 articles were viewed, downloaded, or printed from the [Find It Virginia](#) databases
- 28 public Internet PCs used 54,603 times

LIBRARY PROGRAM FOR YOUR GROUP OR CLUB

A presentation on the history of the Library and its current activities may be booked for clubs and groups. Library Director Lynn Dodge and Friends of the Library President Ellen Nygaard have presented a PowerPoint show



to several area groups and have been met with enthusiasm. The presentation takes about 30 minutes. If your group is interested in having Lynn and Ellen come and give the presentation, call the administrative office at 455-6330.

BOOK REVIEW

Branch librarian Marilyn Martin has written a review of a book by a local writer. Janet Schaffer, who passed away suddenly last summer, was inspired by her work as a volunteer at Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest. In *Thomas Jefferson: From Shadwell to Poplar Forest* she has written a concise and readable history of Jefferson, concentrating on his retirement and time spent at the historic Bedford County home. The book is full of

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Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

has awarded a grant in the amount of \$1410 to benefit a community partnership between the Lynchburg Public Library and the Lynchburg Juvenile Detention Center. The money will be used to purchase audio books for the students at the center.

During the past year, the Library staff have assisted Mr. James Smith with the development of a student library at the center. Prior to this effort, there was no library to serve approximately 50 students who are confined to the facility.

Since the library's inception, going to the library has become a popular activity for the students. They look forward to their weekly visits to get materials that they can take back to the common areas and private rooms.

This grant will more than double the center's library budget of \$1000.00 and it will get much needed materials into the hands of students who can improve their reading skills by listening to books.

For more information about this program, please call Lorry Risinger in Youth Services at 455-6320.

Weekly Programs

Registration begins Tuesday, January 17. • Registration must be done in person.

Tales for Twos

20-minute programs designed especially for 2-year-old listeners and their parents.

January 30 - May 16  
Mondays at 10:30 or 11:00 a.m.  
or  
Tuesdays at 10:30 or 11:00 a.m.

A parent or caregiver must attend.  
Siblings are welcome.



Preschool Pizzazz

30-minute programs designed especially for children ages 3-5.

January 31 - May 17  
**NEW TIME!**  
Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

or  
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

While parents do not attend storytime with preschoolers, we rely on them to be our partners and ask that they remain in the library during programs.



Monthly Programs

Registration not required.

Born to Read Storytimes

20-minute lapsit programs of rhymes, stories, songs and activities designed for children under the age of two and their parents.

Second Friday of each month  
at 10:30 a.m.

January 13                      April 14  
February 10                  May 12  
March 10                        June 9



Siblings are welcome.

Holiday Activities

Drop-in between 2-4 p.m.



Valentine's Day  
Saturday, February 11

Something "Green"  
Saturday, March 18



Springtime  
Wednesday, April 19

Mother's Day  
Saturday, May 13

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